

Friday Feb 23<sup>rd</sup> Lat. 19° 17' S. Long. 78° 20' E. (This day completes four yearly months since I embarked - one hundred twenty third day). We have still very fine winds & weather & are making very rapid progress towards our desired port. In about fifteen days I hope to be at rest again for a little while & enjoy a land diet. But I have no cause for complaint I have the necessaries, & some of the luxuries of life. Indeed the Lord has dealt kindly with us all; & I desire to record his unmerited goodness on my heart. My health continues to increase, & my lungs are stronger. I intend to preach in two sabbaths from this if the wills. We have summer heat again, & but for the wind it would be very hot - I am sitting in the cabin with my thickest suit on. A few feet from me sit brothers Marshall & Merz & Poor & sister Poor writing to their friends - the other sisters are not very well to day; they have almost constantly however enjoyed very good health as in all do. So you want concluded could you see us at the table eating salt beef & pork, three times a day & this we relish better than fresh meat which we have every week.

We are now looking out for a vessel from China or the Island Java bound to the U. States on board of which we hope to throw our letters. It is necessary to have them in a state of readiness as vessels will not stop for letters. I therefore my dear Parents Brothers & sisters bid you adieu for the present praying as I always shall that the best of heavenly blessings may attend. That you may all have an interest in Christ the Saviour of sinners - drink largely from the treasures of his grace here & be prepared to dwell with him forever in that world where sin & sorrow can never enter. Pray for me should no ship appear I shall continue the journal & send it from Ceylon.

March 14<sup>th</sup> Thursday. Lat. 2° 40' S. Long. 85° E.  
We have got by the road for ships going home from Calcutta Canton & Java, & I must send my letters on by this brig. I again resume my journal - The Lord is still our shield & our defence & our exceeding great reward. His mercies are new to us every morning & fresh every evening - We are brought now within three days sail of the Island of Ceylon with a good wind & within four of the place where we expect to land. But we have been becalmed much of the time for three days & may be many days to come - The Lord holds the winds in his fists & will give us favourable gales when he pleases. I have suffered more from the heat for three days<sup>past</sup> than at any time before since I sailed. I have however suffered more from the heat in America than I have at sea. I have become very much reconciled to my present situation - though we have been from land almost five months yet we are well supplied with provisions. Besides salt provisions we have yet a few fowls & a number of little pigs very fine for roasters. I have ~~just~~ been feasting on one to-day - Last week we ate the last of our Ducks which kept fat & good - Yesterday we had an excellent breakfast & dinner of fresh fish called a Dolphin - It weighed twenty pounds & measured four feet from the nose to the tail, a most beautiful fish - our cooks made us very good chowder - We have some dried apple that furnishes us occasionally with apple-puddings & sauce - Our water continues good generally - occasionally a hoghead is opened which is not so sweet - My health grows more robust & my lungs stronger daily -

Last sabbath I was able to preach. The day was very fine. a large sail was spread over our heads to keep off the sun - the audience consisted of twenty six. I feel no evil from speaking, <sup>yet the Lord is per-</sup>mitting me again to proclaim his word, although he was pleased for a time to close my mouth - How great is his love to employ such sinful worms as we are to preach his Gospel - But he is pleased to put his word in earthen vessels that the excellency of the power may be of God & not of us.

Sabbath March 17. Lat 3. 51' N. Long 85. 30' W. This day has been very pleasant, but forenoon was calm - Had our usual exercise in the cabin. Dr. P. C. Dr. Richards preached a very solemn discourse from Ezekiel 33. 11 - The wind sprung up after dinner & appears to be the regular E. & E. monsoon which will carry us to Colombo in a few days. You know not how pleasant it is after a long calm to have a wind -

Monday March 18. A fine wind to day that carries us seven miles an hour. Tomorrow night if the Lord prosper us we hope to have a view of the Isle of Ceylon. But our time is in the hands of him who says all is in the mighty deep - We rejoice in the prospect of seeing land again, but we do not forget that the Lord may <sup>at</sup> about to show our <sup>to</sup> <sup>the</sup> <sup>heaven</sup> - It is dangerous going upon the coast of Ceylon sometimes & we may now be <sup>thus</sup> rapidly hastening to find our grave - But should we be dashed upon the shore & never be permitted to enter the field of missions I hope it will not excite a doubt in the minds of the friends of missions respecting the excellency or importance <sup>of the cause</sup> - I hope it will rather increase their zeal to send out more missionaries that the Gospel may be spread among these perishing pagans. The cause is the Lord's & must prevail - The next date may be off Colombo

Wednesday March 20<sup>th</sup> Once more I add a few lines to my journal - This morn. at six o'clock the cheering sound of land & land was sounded from mast head - Every eye was opened, & all flocked on deck to see what we had all been so anxious to see - At half past six we were enabled to see a very distant prospect of mountains very much resembling dark clouds - At ten we had a very distinct view of land for the first time - (a faint view of the Cape Verd Islands excepted) for 149 days - As we approached nearer, the view was indeed delightful. We could distinctly see the land gradually ascending from the water until it terminated in high craggy mountains - In the valley & on some of the mountains we could distinctly see groves of trees which were doubtless cocoa trees & cabbage growing up very high without a limb & then spreading over their top like an umbrella. The extent of coast presented to the eye this afternoon was about 60 miles probably, & we were within about 12 miles of the shore on the south end of the Isle - I leave you to conjecture what must have been my feelings on seeing the land where I may spend my days - But I long to get on shore though it will be

trying to leave the last of my Amercean friends & enter a land of strangers -  
But the Lord will provide - About noon today we saw on different parts  
of the shore smoke ascending from fires apparently built on the shore which  
continued much of the afternoon; we also saw fires in the eve till after tea &  
'clock - Perhaps the poor deluded bandians were offering up sacrifices to appease  
their idols gods, & ease a guilty conscience, not knowing that the gods of the hea-  
then are vanity & a lie & that none can forgive sins but God ~~only~~ through the  
merits of Christ - This glows - this only way they are ignorant of - I long to  
be proclaiming to them a Saviour whose blood can wash away their sins &  
In twenty four hours, with a fair wind we shall reach Columbo -

Friday March 22<sup>d</sup> ~~Friday~~ ~~at six~~ saw the fort of Columbo about  
10 miles distant - almost calm - At 8 o'clock fired a signal gun for a Pilot. at  
ten o'clock one came to us - He was half cast French descent & very gentle  
man - his boat was rowed by the poor natives of the Isle, rather darker  
complexion than our Am. Indians, without any covering on them but  
a piece of cotton cloth wound loosely round their waists. They were  
all but naked - At 2 P.M. we came to anchor about three fourths of a mile  
from the fort - Soon after this an English merchant came on board  
under the impression that we had come from England - He was very polite  
to us & offered us a seat in his boat to go on shore; as did an officer of  
the fort who came on board soon after - By this time several single  
boats came round us with fish & all kind of fruit & our decks and  
filled with the natives - At 3 P.M. Mr. Richard & myself went on

shore with the Capt. & supercargo in the boats of these gentlemen  
to get permission to land - On stepping upon the wharf we were  
introduced to two excellent pious missionaries - Rev. Mr. Chater a  
Baptist & Rev. Mr. Boston of the Church of England - They seemed to  
be sent upon the wharf at that moment by a kind provi-  
dence to befriend us in this land of strangers. After going thro the neces-  
sary forms at the Custom-house, we went home to Mr. Chater, with whom  
Mr. Boston boards, where we found a home. The kindness of these excel-  
lent friends has endeared them exceedingly to our hearts. - We delivered  
our letter to the <sup>then about</sup> Governor into the hands of the Rev. Mr. Hisselton sen-  
ior chaplain who kindly offered to send it by express after him -  
In about an hour after seeing the chaplain he sent the Constable of the fort  
to inform us that he had enquired for a house for us & found one  
if we sh<sup>d</sup>. be pleased to occupy it sh<sup>d</sup>. be furnished immediately for  
our use - The house is a large convenient house & agreed to take it

Thus the seems to have been ready at our hands in a few hours  
every thing we could have desired - At night returned to the Brig with  
an invitation from Mr. C. for some of our Mess<sup>rs</sup> company to dine with him  
tomorrow & to make it our home at his house until we sh<sup>d</sup>. get  
settled - Saturday Mar. 24. At 7 o'clock Mr. Poor preached a farewell sermon  
to officers & crew in the Brig - Messrs Chater & Boston came on board to hear  
it - At 9. M. all went on shore in their boat - Visited the secretaries office  
to get permission to land our baggage - At 12 o'clock a letter was rec<sup>d</sup> from  
the Governor granting us permission to stay & to land our baggage free  
from expense & inspection, which was a great favour &

naity. I write my brothers a short letter -  
friends - I am dear parents Brothers & Sisters yours son & brother  
Ed Warner

P.S. I wd? send you some production of thy Ioh but I am all  
in confusion I feel at home we have many friends  
here -

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Sabbath Eve Mar. 24. At the excellent Mr Chetters, whom we feel very much  
at home - attend church of Eng? in the morn, I heard Bro Mc Norton in P.M.  
Monday March 24 To day we are moving into our house, the boys we spent  
will leave to night - If we are all well. This Ioh abound with fruit such  
as oranges Amapple, Bananas, plantains Pine fruit & many others the names of  
wh I have not heard - Large bunches on groves surround the town  
The weather is hot but fine Hours large & airy - This is a very pleasant  
town - I shall write you more soon - you must write  
to sister Goodenow & send this letter to Middle if you have an opportunity